

The Substance Abuse Felony Caseload Program provides services to high-risk felony offenders who are in need of substance abuse treatment or demonstrate that their criminal behavior is a probable result of substance abuse or addiction. Offenders are referred to the Program based on the nature of the offense committed, their substance abuse history or the results of a substance abuse assessment recommendation. These offenders undergo a substance abuse assessment and attend group and individual chemical dependency counseling sessions twice a week. They also must attend cognitive behavior modification training in the form of 26 weekly "Thinking for a Change" sessions. These services are administered by a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor at the Community Supervision and Corrections Department. The offender's use of illegal drugs is closely monitored by frequent random urine testing. The program length is 12 months. Offenders are discharged from the program when they complete all rehabilitation goals set by the Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor and reassigned to a caseload best suited to continue the process of rehabilitation.